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An extract showing reductions proposed in the tariff bill framed by a majority of the House of Representatives is published in our issue of to-day. The bill constructed in accordance with Democratic ideas provides that articles used by the poor should be taxed less heavily than those consumed by the rich—the duties, for instance, upon the cheap sort of woolen and cotton goods, glass, sugar, &c., such as the poor buy being reduced, while high priced goods such as only the rich can afford are made to pay a high tax. The free list enlarged in the same spirit includes among other articles, various kinds of dry-stuffs, salt, paints, oils, barks, beans, berries, nuts and fruits. The total reduction proposed by the bill will reach \$50,000,000. The Democratic majority of the ways and means committee have not only taken this step in the right direction but since the tariff bill was presented have supplemented their labors by adopting an internal revenue bill, taking off the tax on all kinds of tobacco except cigars, cigarettes, cheroots and other things—a yearly reduction of \$25,000,000 more. The bill will be reported to the House about the 1st of April, and proposing as it does not only to reduce the taxes on many necessities of life but also to remove the burdens on one of the staple products of Virginia, will be watched with interest by the great body of our people. The Democrats being committed to tariff reform, and the House being Democratic, its fate in that body should not be uncertain. What the Republican Senate will do remains to be seen.

At the last session of our legislature the appropriation for the University of Virginia was reduced from \$40,000 to \$30,000, and the appropriation from the Central Insane Asylum, (colored,) was increased \$60,000 to \$70,000—and yet despite the fact that the aid to our venerable institution of learning was lessened at the time the appropriation for the benefit of the unfortunate of the colored people was increased, the Democrats will continue to be considered by the colored brothers as enemies of their race. The old promise of "forty acres and a mule" is still more highly treasured by the most of them, than all the favors which they have received and are daily receiving at the hands of their Democratic brother, and they will continue to listen to and believe all the stories of fomenters of race strife who will come among them, seeking political preferment at their hands.

From the publishers, D. Lothrop & Co., Boston, we have received for February, 1888, "Babyland" and "Our Little Men and Women." They are both issued monthly; the first at 50 cents a year, the latter at \$1 a year. "Babyland" is admirably gotten up, full of pictures and stories to delight the midges for whom it is designed. "Our Little Men and Women" is a gem. It is check full of delightful stories in prose and poetry, and contains many engravings of high character. While we heartily commend it to the papas and mammas for their little men and women, and almost wish we "were a boy again" that we might have one, we are surely tempted to cry because we are not "teeny" enough to crawl up to it through "Babyland."

The first State election of the presidential year will be that in Rhode Island, April 4. The State gave Blaine a plurality of 6,439, but the Democrats elected their Governor last year by a plurality of 2,984.

Hon. C. O. Memminger, secretary of the treasury in the Confederate cabinet from 1861 to 1864, died at Charleston, S. C., last Wednesday.

Emperor William, Germany's great ruler, is lying extremely ill, and there is but slight hope of his recovery.

The trial of the Exchange Bank cases commenced in the United States court at Norfolk, last Wednesday.

A young man named Edgar Hancy, and said to be a nephew of the late W. W. Corcoran, was brutally murdered in Berkeley, Feb. 28th. Charles Cook, arrested on suspicion has confessed that he committed the crime.

Proposed Railroad Down the Eastern Shore.

A special dispatch to The Sun from Elkton, Md., last night says: On Saturday Senators Brown, of Queen Anne's, Burchinal, of Kent, Goldsborough, of Caroline, Johnson, of Dorchester, and Dennis, of Worcester, and Col. Philip W. Dows, of Caroline, acknowledged their signatures in Elkton before Magistrate John Partridge to a paper incorporating the Baltimore and Cape Charles Railroad Company. The Senators were home-ward bound, and were not compelled to stop off, as the magistrate was at the depot when the train arrived. Senators McCullough, of Cecil, and Brattan, of Somerset, two others of the incorporators, had acknowledged their signatures the previous evening, leaving Senator Toddin, of Wilcomie, the only incorporator who has not gone through this necessary formality. This company is the outgrowth of a movement started some time since at Denton, it being then proposed to call the new road the Elkton, Denton and Cape Charles City Railroad. The road is being incorporated under the general incorporation law of the State, article 41, Revised Code, which requires that the signatures be acknowledged before a justice of the peace of one of the counties through which it is proposed for the road to pass. The articles of incorporation will be submitted to the judges of the Circuit Court. The incorporators state that their object in forming the corporation is for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, etc., a railroad or railroads on the Eastern Shore, in the counties of Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Dorchester, Wilcomie, Somerset and Worcester counties, beginning at a point on the Baltimore and Philadelphia Railroad, a branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, near Elkton, running thence in a southerly direction by the most practical route to the line dividing the States of Maryland and Virginia. It is proposed to extend the road to Cape Charles under an act of incorporation in Virginia. The capital stock is named at \$200,000 and divided into shares of \$50 each. The projectors of the road expect to secure legislation at the present session of the Legislature securing over a quarter of the amount. Many years ago a large amount of money was appropriated by the Legislature to the Eastern Shore for internal improvement. Of the amount \$53,000 was for Cecil county, and the money has never been used. It was appropriated respectively to the Elkton and Elk Valley Railroad, Elkton and Massesville Railroad and Elkton and Middletown Railroad, provided they were constructed within a certain time. None of these were built. It is now proposed to legislate this amount due Cecil county for internal improvement to the Baltimore and Cape Charles Railroad.—Baltimore Sun, March 5th.

A dispatch of the 5th, from Annapolis, contains the following: The Eastern Shore Senators are in earnest with their proposition to recognize the company for building a railroad from the Baltimore and Ohio at Elkton down the peninsula to Cape Charles City. Senator Goldsborough will bring in a bill to enlarge the power of the company, and it is said there are strong parties behind the movement. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company. It is said, on March 1 increased its passenger fares to four cents a mile and freight rates one-third on all the Maryland branch roads that connect with the main Delaware road. This action has stirred up the people on these branch roads, who complain that the passenger tariffs now practically cut them off from Baltimore. This advance in tariff has given a new impetus to the movement for a road from Elkton down the peninsula.

The New Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—The first official step in the direction of tariff reform during the present session was taken this morning, when the Mills tariff bill was formally submitted to the ways and means committee. There is a considerable reduction of duties, for example, upon the cheaper sorts of woolen and cotton goods, carpets, earthenware, glass and sugar, such as the poor buy, while high priced grades, such as only the rich can well afford, are made to pay a high tax. The free list has been enlarged in the same spirit. While most of the articles included in it are of importance chiefly as raw materials of manufactures, still there are many, such as salt, timber, vegetables, fruits and meats, that enter at once into consumption. Articles in this list worth special attention are: Tin plate, a necessary material of our canning industry, cotton ties, salt, flax, wax, liquorice, borax, blue vitriol, copers, dyes, stufes, needles, dates, figs, plums, prunes, currants, beans, milk, cocoa, paper pulp, mineral waters and books in foreign languages. The reduction effected by the enlargement of the free list is \$22,250,000. Sugar of grades not above No. 16 Dutch standard is reduced from 1.40 and 2.75 cents per pound to 1.50 and 2.75 cents per pound; sugar of the highest grade from 3.50 to 2.55 per pound. It is provided, however, that these reductions shall not take effect upon sugar coming from countries that impose an export duty on sugar. Bichromate of potash is reduced from 3 to 3½ cents per pound. On plain china there is a reduction from 55 to 35 cents a value. The tax on pig iron is reduced to \$6 per ton; on steel rails and rail way bars to \$11 per ton. There are reductions on many manufactures of iron and steel. The lower rate is most noticeable in the cases of certain kinds of woolen and cotton goods, glass, ready made clothing, writing paper, envelopes, toys, matches, common umbrellas, wood screws, nails, wire forgings, chains, common china and earthenware, ground spices, medicinal prepara-

tions and proprietary medicines.—The bill is expected to be reported to the House for action about the 1st of April. As Mr. Randall is reported to have pronounced it a "vicious bill" its fate there may be regarded as uncertain.

Legislative Notes.

The two Houses adopted a joint resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee of five from the House and three from the Senate to prepare during the vacation a memorial and present it to Congress, setting forth why the general government should assume the debt of Virginia.

The Governor returned to the House of Delegates, with his signature, House bill for the protection of farmers against spurious and worthless fertilizers.

The Governor in his communication on this subject says a careful examination of this bill convinces me that the farmers will get no more protection than they are getting now, while injustice will be done the manufacturers, because it will be impossible to comply with its provisions. In concluding the Governor says: The farmer has all the protection under the existing act of March 29, 1877, as he would have under the provisions of this bill, while the latter if it becomes a law would discriminate against Virginia manufacturers and dealers.

The House sustained the Governor by a vote of 64 to 3.

Mr. Rhea introduced a joint resolution Monday, which was agreed to that a committee composed of three members of the Senate and five members of the House of Delegates be appointed to go before the proper committees of the Congress of the United States at an early day after the adjournment of the present session of the General Assembly and urge upon said committees the great importance to the educational, agricultural and manufacturing interests of the people of Virginia—

1. Of a favorable report and the early passage of measure known as the Blair Educational Bill.

2. The abolition of the tax upon tobacco and fruit brandy.

3. That no reduction whatever should be made in the duty upon foreign iron.

4. The said committee shall receive no compensation or allowance for its service under the resolution.

The Democrats failed to get sufficient votes last Monday to extend the session, and the legislature at night, at 11.45, adjourned sine die. Mr. Magruder was the only Democrat who voted against the resolution. The Republicans voted solidly against it. Messrs. James Barbour and K. L. Smith were absent.

Among the most important measures adopted by the legislature at the session of the legislature which closed on last Monday night were bills allowing pensions to disabled Confederate soldiers who volunteered in this State, creating a State agricultural bureau, and abolition of compulsory inspection of flour—a law existing from time immemorial. The commerce bill was hung up in the Senate committee on roads and was never reported back to that body.

The House bill providing for establishing a State board of agriculture, defeated in the Senate, was reconsidered by that body and passed. The appropriation for the maintenance of the board was reduced from \$15,000 to \$10,000.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The fourth annual convention of Virginia Division, of the Travelers' Protective Association, will be held in the city of Staunton on Wednesday, May 16, 1888.

The joint committee appointed under a resolution of Legislature to inquire into the revenues derived from the oyster interest, and report at the next session, held their first meeting today. The committee will go to West Point, and go from there to the oyster beds. The resolution under which this committee was appointed provides that its members shall not receive any compensation for their services. Of course they will be allowed their expenses during this investigation.—Cor. Norfolk Ledger, 6th.

A shooting affray at Culpeper, Va., on the 1st inst., between Edwin Barbour, editor of the Piedmont Advance, and Ellis B. Williams, son of the editor of the Culpeper Exponent, resulted in the death of young Williams and the serious wounding of young Barbour. Both are very young men and of families for generations prominent in the councils of the country. The deceased was a nephew of Gen. Robert Williams of the U. S. army, and Barbour is a nephew of Hon. John S. Barbour. The cause of the trouble grew out of a newspaper article written by Barbour containing offensive allusions to Mr. Williams. The affair culminated in a visit of Williams to the Advance office. Williams struck Barbour when both drew their revolvers and commenced firing about six paces apart. Some nine or ten shots were fired in all with the result stated.

How Men Die.

If we know all the methods of approach adopted by an enemy we are the better enabled to ward off the danger and postpone the moment when surrender becomes inevitable. In many instances the inherent strength of the body suffices to enable it to oppose the tendency toward death. Many however have lost these forces to such an extent that there is little or no help. In other cases a little aid to the weakened lungs will make all the difference between sudden death and many years of useful life. Upon the first symptoms of a cough, cold or any trouble of the throat or lungs, give that old and well-known remedy—Boschee's German Syrup, a careful trial. It will prove what thousands say of it to be, the "benefactor of any home."

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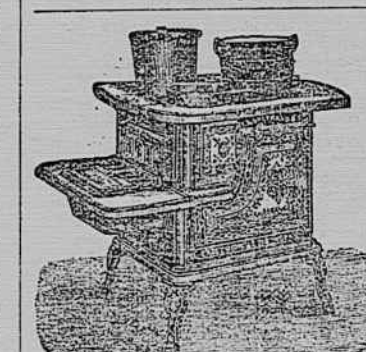
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First and second premiums..... Cabbage.

Second premium..... Oats.

First and second premiums..... Watermelons.

And the Special Premiums on Cotton, Green Corn and Cantaloupes.

The premiums were awarded by the following judges, viz:

FRANK M. STURGIS, JOHN T. AMES, GEORGE S. MAPP.

Results of analysis of Virginian Guano made by State Chemist of Virginia, and published by Randolph Harrison, Commissioner of Agriculture, in his report.

Available Phosphoric Acid..... 8.15

Insoluble " "..... 5.32

Total " "..... 13.50

Ammonia..... 4.35

Potash..... 1.37

Copy of analysis of Ocean Guano made by State Chemist of Virginia, and published by authority of Randolph Harrison, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Soluble phosphoric Acid..... 2.34

Reverted " "..... 7.74

Available " "..... 10.08

Insoluble " "..... 2.97

Ammonia..... 2.46

Potash..... 1.42

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TESTIMONIALS

Bridgeport, Va., November 17th, 1887

Mr. John H. Roberts—Dear Sir—I used the American Fertilizer furnished me by yours if this Spring just past on Irish sweet potatoes, and found it very satisfactory in its results, in fact producing a quicker and more abundant yield than any fertilizer I have used for many years. I prefer it to any I know

John T. Wilkins, Jr.

Mappsburg, Va., November 19th, 1887

American Fertilizing Co.—Gentlemen—I used your special Irish Potato Guano last season with better results than any fertilizer I have ever tried. It excels all others. I shall use it exclusively next season.

John L. Warren.

Eastville, Va., November 19th, 1887

American Fertilizing Co.—Gentlemen—I have used Seven per cent. American Fertilizers for five seasons. My tenants have also used it from seven to eight tons per annum. We have always found it to our interest to use it, and consider it reliable and what it purports to be.

R. B. Taylor.

Keller, Va., November 17th, 1887

American Fertilizing Co.—Gentlemen—I used your special Irish Potato Guano on Irish potatoes this past Spring and never raised finer ones. The Ten per cent. Guano on peas gave entire satisfaction. Will use both again.

John A. Doughty.

Loenstmont, November 22nd, 1887

American Fertilizing Co.—Gentlemen—I used the 2 bags of Seven per cent. Guano purchased of your agent last Spring. I used under round potatoes by the side of Virginian guano, and the potatoes under which I used the Seven per cent. guano produced at least 4 more of much larger and smoother potatoes, besides they were marketable a week earlier. I consider the Seven per cent. guano the best fertilizer I have ever used for round potatoes not excepting Peruvian guano. I expect to use it again next season.

C. L. Bunting.

Pungoteague, Va., January 4th, 1888

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